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Dear interested party:

The Bureau of Land Management is designing a transportation plan for the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, Virgin River and Coyote Springs Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The focus is to designate a transportation plan that will maintain a reasonable road network and attempt to meet the primary access needs of all interested recreational users. At the same time, the transportation plan will reduce road proliferation, decrease vandalism to sensitive archeological areas, help prevent the spread of noxious and invasive weeds and increase the amount of quality habitat for sensitive species such as the desert tortoise. In short, the goal of this plan is to ensure responsible recreation within these scenic, archeologically and biologically diverse areas that many people love to use.

Public meetings will be held in Mesquite, Bunkerville, Logandale/Overton and Las Vegas to get public input on this transportation plan. Below is the schedule:

- May 31, 5 to 8 p.m. Las Vegas Interagency Office 4701 North Torrey Pines
- **June 1, 5 to 8 p.m.** *Logandale/Moapa* Ron Lewis Fine Arts Building at Logandale Fairgrounds
- June 6, 5 to 8 p.m. Mesquite Mesquite City Hall
- June 8, 5 to 8 p.m. Bunkerville Old Gym next to Community Center

The meetings will begin with a 30-minute open house format, where participants can ask questions and visit various resource stations. Brief presentations on the Partners in Conservation's roads inventory project and the planning process will follow. A question and answer session will follow the presentations. Public comments will be gathered during the meeting through station flip-charts and comment cards.

In addition, a 45-day public comment period will be available on a draft Environmental Assessment that will address the transportation plan.

We look forward to your participation in the planning process for your public lands.

Sincerely,

Marc Maynard Road Coordinator